GOLD-SILVER-BRONZE BRIEFING MEETING: 2022 CONVOY PROTESTS

2022-02-07 0900

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Brad phoned in everyone verified.
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KK at Site. CCMG- nothing to report overnight. Continued contact through the day. Contacting some of the organizers. Been at CP10 working through the crowd. Start telling folks that it's dangerous being there. Plant a seed and find better location. Also introducing a key community partner – Perso Made brief introduction and will continue this morning

GD- incident last night at CP4 there were 5 tractors that showed up with support vehicles and went around the blockade, failed to stop for police and carried on to the site. Parked tractors near saloon ran into smugglers and people came out so the members couldn't ID who was driving. Info to follow up on including license plates. Will update when known.

Fuel went through. They have a lot of fuel, gas propane and diesel.

SB lane 41 pass vehicles, 2 tractors, 12 comm. 21 trailers NB 58 passenger, 24 commercials, 18 trailers. At CP10. Not a minute to go through. Little better this morning.

Site at Coutts, NB 18 commercial vehicles. SB 21 commercial vehicles, 3 personal and 5 (big) tractors. Smugglers 5 commercial vehicles 13 RV and 27 personal. CP5 we have 22 personal, 4 commercial

Investigative update – continue to move forward initial blockade, ID key people involved. Brought in some district GIS resources falling under his bronze leadership.

Asked to have a bit of a demonstration there as we continue to investigate CDA lot less patience for blockades, flying drones etc. Going to get ID from tractors. 2 uniform members and STO QRT. Test waters to see how they respond taking place this morning

Media updates – talked this morning about getting ready for arrest for AP. Supt McKale working on that. Arrest taking place today or tomorrow morning timing that when we know there will be movement down this way. Supt McKale still working on some stuff on the community side

CBSA volumes are 50% now at crossing. 400 commercial vehicles that come through on regular basis. Had 59 vehicles come by. Yesterday 154. Increasing slowly. One vehicles in the chute this morning vehicles getting through.

CIP – E div is on the ground with K div team. 50 STO resources. Noel provided updated ID one of the drivers who failed to stop. They are monitoring Personal who posted yesterday and this morning, big day here in Coutts Monday and Tuesday and want the premier to come through with what he's talked about. He may be referring that he has tractors there not sure.

Community team – meeting with reeve from warner, mayor of Coutts and Milk River. Want to move CP10 . Should have update in an hour or two. Meeting every few hours. Ask if they want to declare state of emergency and give us more power. Key is to get community partners working along side us.

Today's objectives – public police protester safety. Keep traffic vehicle flowing. Continue to investigate incidents – fail to stop for police last night

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Long term objectives – find a new location. Investigation ongoing into CDA violations. Tactical meetings that took place, discussed further with gold last night. Sitting at 5 tactical options. One we're executing right now. And 4 other options to move forward. Looking to get into state of better readiness. For site here. Violations occurring at Coutts.

JF: No questions

TD: Fuel – Ottawa is taking position of stopping that. What was the agreement to bring them fuel?

KK: Supported the fuel to go in. They were giving indications that it was block the road or fuel. If we let the trucks run out of fuel they'll be harder to move later on. They're still there anyway. Not seeing any negative effects by letting them have it. Try to balance presenting something. Could be more serious if they don't have it. Supt McKale brought that up as potential issue to that affect. In different environment than Ottawa. Remote location. People living in their vehicles.

JF: open road as well which is key objective. When we were restricting it they were bringing it in through the field. They're being compliant with keeping the lane open. We can articulate our actions and our strategy is different as well.

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JF: Looked at this last week

MD: That is something he will look at today and give answer later on this afternoon.

AH: Normally this has not come up. Conscription comes up in area of state of emergency. If it's helpful S/S/M Hobson will link up with SME's. Act is not clear on it.

CZ: Spoke with the deputy minister and JSG this morning looking at put stronger focus on getting us some of these tools. Looking at designating highways and that can come with compliance. Focus will be there in next couple days.

TD: Community meeting that's tomorrow night – any insight?

KK: may be talk that community may have a loss of confidence in mayor of Coutts. If you were thinking of coming down that would be a good idea from the District Officer perspective. Would be value in having attendance. Asked Chris to look at when meeting with comminutes, look to declare a state of emergency. That's a question how the community viewing the situation. Not sure if comms is to that level.

TD: Few instances in SAD. Significant draw on resources. Intel about another convoy latter this week to go to Coutts on Friday. Doesn't appear to be sense of ending anytime soon

NS: Nothing to report. If we have charges or anything please let her know. That shows that we are taking action.

MD: Nothing new to report. Going to head to Lethbridge this afternoon.

BB: Nothing

KK: Nina's question – there was conversation that took place this morning between Aaron and Supt Lai. Informed that two resources are coming to Lethbridge. One to work in command post with Event management and one for Aaron for MCM. Once in place will be able to report on charges. AP if that takes place, Supt McKale will update.

Next meeting 1300.

Tact meeting 1030? Shortly after this one. 5 minutes. Will set up 10 minutes

9:45 Emily to set up.

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KK – For a media update, we are monitoring what is happening in Ottawa as it seems Alberta is only a few hours behind. They are currently dealing with the fuel given to the protestors and strategizing a response. In regards to the issues surrounding tow trucks, we are still having problems acquiring these. Some companies are reluctant to get involved given the situation. For CBSA no updates right now, same with border patrol. Had a meeting where Personal attended, if we needed extra accommodations for the members in Coutts, he is able to arrange this in Shelby. If DEOC needs, we can have this organized. With respect to the individuals who fled to the saloon, the investigation has gone fairly well. Members have been received well, but no statements have been obtained. Fleeing from the police will be treated with a criminal investigation. In respect to community and engagement, we have had the first round of meetings which included the Mayer of Coutts and Milk River. They were very appreciative to be involved in these meetings. The first two sites are north of Milk River and are not tactically good locations. It does not solve the problem of outcome of opening 501 in the case of a blockade. They are optimistic that they will find a solution south of CP10. With IBET they looked at potentially CP2 which is the original blockade location. There are currently 19 commercial and 1 passenger vehicle, which they have since moved. Smugglers have 7 commercial and 40 passenger vehicles. CP10 has 24 RV's, 17 commercial vehicles, 8 farm vehicles, and 104 passenger vehicles. This is similar to what they had earlier. The changes we see are that the protestors are making continuous improvements to their encampment (Example; deep freeze has been brought to keep food).We are looking for a solution on this. These improvements have made it easier for the protestors to stay. Through intelligence and social media monitoring, people are continuing to encourage other people to join the protest. However numbers staying relatively the same. As we move towards the weekend, the numbers may swell again. Last Saturday there were approximately 800-1000 people who attended the protest, and the same is expected for next weekend. Target sheets on "Persons of Interest" and "Suspect Chargeable" are being created moving forward. An inventory of "special skills" is being created on site. Many members have special skills such as mechanics and experience driving tractors. Currently putting together a list of assets on site for any given time.

TD – Currently we have an ongoing SAD chief meeting. I have been briefing them as we go. Contacted by Personal who should be able to provide resources. Blood tribe also informed us that they are able to be first response if we need the extra support. Some individuals tried to protest in Blood Tribe and were turned away by police. Additionally there were a few issues with protestors near Red Cliff. Please advise if we will be taking stronger enforcement action, as their may be the possibility of sympathetic re-actions. We would need to let then know as soon as possible should we move to more aggressive action. We are continuing to monitor school issues across SAD. CPS had a 3000 person protest over the weekend. Everything was peaceful and it resolved itself.

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KK – We did discuss this with three communities in this area, and no one wanted to entertain this avenue at this time. They are not looking to declare state of emergency as of now.

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KK – There were earlier conversations with this group on potential outcomes with the US border patrol and restricting access to the states. We may want to further discuss about sharing with our American partners just in case the protestors want to cross the border after this. This should be followed up on.

TD – Ontario has been looking at this as well. In exceptional circumstances, can the Province in-act this, being it is the cost of committing a criminal act?

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PT – We had a meeting with the District Officers in creating a framework across the other three districts in the event we have an issue arise in another district. We want to ensure we have a framework in place to reposition our resources. The Districts have identified their delegates, should another issue arise. We want to have centralized resourcing to ensure we are consistent across the province.

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EM – Opening this up to round table.

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KK – We may have to task this to CCMG.

PT – We did hear that they would take the lifting of restrictions as a win from the CCMG group last week. Not sure if that consensus has changed. We think that is why they were planning to leave to Edmonton, which their position had changed. They would take the restrictions lifting as a win.

EM – The understanding on the ground, is that only a win would satisfy concerns.

KK – Will discuss with CCMG to keep information current.

EA – For situational awareness, we will be doing a swap over of analyst's. Chris will be on site for the next three days, then he will be swapped. We will have hand over take place later this evening or early tomorrow morning. As it seems as though things have calmed down, we will be providing intel updates once a day rather then twice a day. There will not be as many analyst working on support for this, but we will always have someone.

TD – How tied are we with the other agencies and their analysts?

EA – Yes we have been working in collaboration with the other agency analysts. We are leveraging contacts of wider intelligence community to push and pull information. Our DCAS manager is currently in contact with Law enforcement from Ontario up to National.

KK – In speaking with Aaron, I was able to have conversation on MCM management. Have not heard back from DEOC on event file management yet. We will need someone on site. Currently the walls in the conference room in Coutts is covered with paper and notes. If we could get an update from DEOC.

Concluding call

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Briefing Meeting: Coutts Border Protests
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KK: Site update CCMG – working with Marco to get some food, blankets and wood in the area. They are taking a vehicle out, bringing another one in that needs to be inspected. Not to be racing around in the side by side. Have significant fuel supply at saloon. Diesel, propane, recipe for disaster, going with uniform members and fire department to make sure it's set up better to prevent explosion. Everyone is friendly. Fire department told them to stop the fires- no problems. Keep leveraging the safety aspect.

Aaron provided update from pursuit from last night with the tractors. Strategic approach– brought in two plain clothes and 2 uniforms. Opened criminal investigation. Went inside to get ID and said that's why we're there. Fail to stop for the police is a CC investigation. Personal Info. said no one had to say anything. Quick sense that there's confrontation against the group. Different dynamics. Warm response from the police. Everyone is receptive to police being around. Continue with the strategy having more uniform presence around the area. Wouldn't give any statements. Will follow up on investigation but we think we ID'd one driver. Went to tractors and got photos.

Numbers - IBET at CP5 reports 4 trailers and 34 personal vehicles. At site SB 20 commercial 5 tractors NB 18 commercial at the saloon 34 personal 5 commercial and 11 RV's.

CIP – Quiet for STO. Have QRT team ready. Continue to work on 5 tactical plans from this morning.

General duty – At CP10 there are 24 RV'S 17 commercial, 8 farm and 104 passenger. Same numbers from earlier.

Media – Supt McKale doing live interviews today. Protestors were warmer to media today. They feel that number of questions like supplies why are we giving them when they aren't in Ottawa? Different geographical climate. No disadvantages see it advantageous later.

Personal Info. (phonetic). Have left the scene. Aaron looking a little deeper and see if want to turn them into witnesses for the investigation.

Community team – busy day. Met with community representatives from Warner, Coutts Milk River and Hutterite colonies in the area. Might have location to move to awaiting on finances. Location would be: NE 19 1 15 W4. 5 miles north of Coutts. East of the road, 10 acres. Talk about different strategy to make that open. Moving south opens highway 501.

Good to have daily inventory to see what we have on site for assets at any given time. Mechanics, locksmiths, from previous roles.

Would be beneficial to bring NPF rep down to see the post and the site and any suggestions that they have given the circumstances. Will reach out to Halwa and McGowan.

Convoy – turned around and left from CBSA.

KC: Southern AB convoy update – 12 vehicles head down to Carway. Eyes on the ground from Cardston detachment and sheriffs. Ended up being calm protest. Slowing traffic and once traffic built up they'd let it go through. Only lasted an hour or two. around 3:30 they went home. Non issue.

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PR: Two checkpoints at Del Bonita and Carway – 2 sheriffs at both points. They're north a little ways. Del Bonita 501 and 62. Highway 2 and twp. 23. They will be there during the day. Night will be rolling patrol throughout. Turn around any commercial vehicles and farmers there without reason and report anything large through the area.

TD: In Calgary CPS reported 20 vehicles blocking in front of city call, they've moved. Issues 30 summons for vehicles. They didn't get in person were RO in the mail and 50 to pedestrians.

KC: 80 tickets in total issued - half issued road side.

EM: Any push back from that?

TD: Nothing yet.

NS: Finishing clean copy of media lines into peter and john for gold approval. Briefing package for community meeting – has been sent to gold for review.

PT: Include C/Supt Daroux in gold correspondence.

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KK: Haven't been able to check with CCMG yet will follow up on.

SR: Wrote up bit from this morning. No pushback. All went through. Given John the update on article 9.

CZ: Premier call around 4PM. He will be making announcement tomorrow afternoon, he anticipates numerous questions around what's going on at Coutts. He's looking for the RCMP to be more proactive around our media. Will touch base tonight or tomorrow AM.

EM: Conclude this call. Tactical call to just remain on the line. Briefing at 0900 tomorrow.

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